

Kindly amend the specification by appending the following text to the end of the application, beginning on a new page (page 12):

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is an achromatic spectroscopic ellipsometer for analysing small regions of a sample over a wide range of wavelengths from ultraviolet (UV) to infrared (IR). The spectroscopic ellipsometer contains a light source emitting a light beam which passes through a polarisation state generator section before being focused at an incidence angle q by a first parabolic mirror to a small spot on a sample. A second parabolic mirror collects the reflected beam and connects said beam to an analysing section. The reflected beam emerges from the analysing section and is spectroscopically detected and analysed. The light beam through the polarisation state generator section up to the first parabolic mirror and the light beam from the second mirror through the analysing section are parallel enabling achromatism. The incidence angle q is largely varied without shifting of the location of the small spot on the sample surface.